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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please make the following change prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

**In the Specification:**

~~Please amend the following:~~

~~Page 3, line 27, please change "right" to --left--.~~

~~Page 22, line 8, please change "members" to --member--.~~

**In the Drawings:**

In FIGURES 8, please change "¥" to --\--.

In FIGURE 17, please change in the step 9023, "WITH THE SPECIFIED  
MEMBER AND PARAMETERS IN HIERARCHY RULE" to --INQUIRING INTO